



PRESS RELEASE

FILE: 21-1429

INCIDENT: Attempted Homicide – Drive-by Shooting

DATE OF INCIDENT: February 20, 2021

TIME OF INCIDENT: 09:03 PM

LOCATION: 1900 Block of Auto Center Drive

VICTIM(S): Male Adult Firefighter, 31 years-old
Male Adult Paramedic, 58 years-old

SUSPECT(S): Male Adult In-Custody (Stockton Resident)

On 2/20/2021, at approximately 8:51 PM, Antioch police officers were called to the 1900 block of Auto Center Drive on the report of a citizen requiring emergency medical attention. A fire engine from Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire Protection District (Con Fire), and an ambulance from Contra Costa American Medical Response (AMR) also responded to the medical call.

While tending to the patient in the parking lot near Auto Center Drive, a suspect in a silver SUV drove by the team of first responders and began shooting at the group. Afterwards, the suspect turned around and drove past the group again firing a second series of shots. A Con Fire firefighter and an AMR medic were struck by gunfire. The firefighter and medic were transported to local area hospitals, and their injuries were determined to be non-life threatening. An ambulance and a police car were also struck by gunfire.

Several Antioch officers gave chase onto Highway 4 as the suspect vehicle fled westbound towards the City of Pittsburg. The vehicle pursuit traveled through Contra Costa and Alameda Counties and ended in the City of Richmond after the suspect vehicle collided with a parked vehicle. The suspect attempted to flee from the scene of the collision, but he was quickly taken into custody by officers from Richmond PD and the California Highway Patrol. The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Air Support Unit also provided critical assistance. A firearm was collected at the scene.

Antioch Police Department detectives with the Violent Crimes and Special Operations Units responded to the scene, along with crime scene investigators, and took over the investigation. The investigation is still active, and evidence is being collected and evaluated.

This information is made available by the Investigations Bureau. Any further inquiries into the status of this case should be done via the Media Access Telephone Line 925-779-6874. Any further information or additional press releases will be provided by the Investigations Bureau.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Antioch Police Department non-emergency line at (925)778-2441, or Detective Brogdon at 925-779-6895. You may also text-a-tip to 274637 (CRIMES) using the key word ANTIOCH.

BY: Lieutenant John Fortner
